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CHRIS NOBLE MBE

Good afternoon to everyone, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Keepmoat Stadium, our temporary home for this season.

May I reiterate our thanks to Carl Hall and all the management at the Keepmoat for all the help and assistance that they give us to allow us to play at their stadium this season.

As always it gives me great pleasure to welcome to the Keepmoat Stadium, Mark Campbell , his co- Directors, backroom staff and players. This is our first game for a very long time where our supporters are allowed in to watch the Game.

Sadly, last Sundays game against Halifax Panthers had to be postponed as over the weekend (post over Friday night loss vs Batley) some of the players tested positive for Covid-19 and the game had to be postponed. On the plus side it does mean that when we play Halifax Panthers in the rescheduled game their spectators will be allowed to watch, which everybody wanted for the cancelled game but did not prove viable.

Today's opposition Featherstone Rovers are a force to be reckoned with. At the time of writing they are sitting second in the division behind Toulouse Olympique with a game in hand. We will have to be at the top of our game to come away with the spoils, however it is not beyond us if we play as we should. We have all the skills and talent to win this game we just have to use them.

When we have been arriving at the Keepmoat Stadium during our time without spectators we have been greeted by Steve and Jim who have welcomed everyone to the Stadium and wished one and all a great afternoon with Sheffield eagles. These two gentlemen, both volunteers, have been volunteers for as long as I can remember.

They have done, over all the years whatever job has been required to do from reception, car parking assisting at golf days, helping in the office and I would just like to express the thanks of everyone at the club and my personal thanks, without supporters and volunteers like these two gentlemen the club would not exist and would not be worthwhile , Thank you Steve and Jim.

Now I have mentioned a date it is a reminder to me that the date when we can return to our home at the Olympic Legacy Park in Sheffield, after the conversion to a stadium is complete is now only nine months as I said before time passes quickly and it will soon be 2022.

Enjoy the game, follow the guidelines, stay safe and welcome back!

TUBBY TALK

MARK ASTON SPEAKS TO MATT YOUNG

It's a day that we've all been looking forward to, and it gives me great pleasure to welcome fans back inside the stadium for a mouth-watering clash with Featherstone.

There's no question it has been wonderful to be back playing competitive rugby league once again, and the last missing ingredient for me has been the return of fans, so today I suppose is an historic day – not just for Sheffield Eagles – but for all rugby league clubs up and down the country.

We couldn't have asked for a better game for the return of fans, could we?

We have had some great battles with Featherstone down the years which has ensured a really good rivalry which fans of both teams have enjoyed.

They are going great so far this season, so we know we'll need to raise our game, but with fans back behind us, that brings the perfect tonic to help inspire a performance from the boys this afternoon.

Fans have been a massive miss, and we're once again outside the city so we are asking a lot from our supporters to make their way to Doncaster.

It has been a tough journey, so we know we owe you a performance today, but whilst we're not in Sheffield I think everyone can see that the dream is very much becoming a reality as work continues at the OLP with the aim of being back there for 2022.

Again, I have to reiterate my thanks to everyone at the Keepmoat for letting us use this magnificent facility, it has given the club a fabulous temporary home whilst work continues at the OLP, we are truly grateful for everything that has been made available to us.

On the pitch, it was obviously disappointing to see the game against Halifax postponed, but that's a reminder to us all that we are still in a pandemic and everyone's health remains paramount during this difficult time. I don't think it'll be the last time the season has some form of disruption; we just have to prepare the boys as best we can under the circumstances and get on with the task in hand.

We know we are far from the finished article as the result against Batley proved, but I have seen enough already to know we are a good side, and we can compete with the very best in this league.

The last three games have been frustrating, we have been in winning positions in all but lost two and drawn one.

We have areas we need to look at, we need to be smarter and be more clinical at times, but the lads are giving their all, there are positives to take and on the whole, I have been pleased with a lot of what I've seen.

Enjoy the game today, it'll be great to have you back!

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"The last three games have been frustrating, we have been in winning positions in all but lost two and drawn one. "

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THE OFFICE

LIAM CLAFFEY

Well, it has been a long time coming but it is fantastic to say…we are back!

Who would have thought, firstly, that our last game in front of supporters, which was here at the Keepmoat Stadium vs Workington in the Challenge Cup, would also be the same place we would be welcoming fans back too!

434 days to be precise have passed since our last match in front of fans!

A lot of hard work has gone on behind the scenes to get us to this stage to admit both sets of supporters and I would like to thank everyone here at Club Doncaster for their fantastic support and assistance in helping ensure both Eagles & Rovers fans can get behind their teams this afternoon.

It was only earlier this week that we had approval to admit away supporters so a few long days following this were required and I would like to also thank Martin & Jaq at Featherstone for their patience and understanding whilst we got everything in place to admit the Rovers contingent today.

Of course, things may have been slightly easier if we did not have the issues regarding Covid-19 last week which cut into plenty of time we set aside for today's match day preparations.

Two positive cases in the days following our defeat to Batley along with five further players isolating meant, within Covid-19 guidelines, we were entitled to postpone our match vs Halifax which we did promptly for the safety of both sets of players and backroom staff.

It must be noted Halifax Panthers were supportive of our actions and swiftly assisted as did the RFL who were great in helping us through what was a difficult week. It isn't a great moniker to be the first rugby league side (SL, Champ or L1) to cause a match postponement this year but it was the right course of action to take.

Finally, my thanks go to our Lead Physio Mick Heys who, between us, got the various paperwork completed and jumped through the hoops we needed to with the RFL, Public Health England and others!

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MARK HANNIGAN

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to everyone here & watching online and I Would like to welcome to the players and staff from Rovers to the Keepmoat Stadium here in Doncaster' for today's game.

It has been a long time coming but thanks to the diligence and hard work of everyone, we are finally able to welcome spectators to today's game.

Whilst it is beyond amazing to welcome everyone back, restriction mean that we are still unable to offer match-day hospitality to our sponsors and fans currently. As soon as the next level of restriction lift (due on 21st June) we will be reintroducing this.

It has been rough time commercially for us, especially with 2020 season being all but non-existent.

I would like to place on record my sincere gratitude to all our sponsors for their support during these tough times. As mentioned in my last notes, a number have already rec omitted for 2022 and we will be announcing these shortly.

Like with sponsors renewing, we have a number of new sponsors coming on board as well, at all levels. Along with or sponsoring we have also created a partner programme whereby we are happy to endorse their product or service to our commercial contacts and supporters.

Again, we will launch and promote these in the coming weeks to you, but for now please have a look at the website to see our partners. There may well be a service or product you are looking for that you can obtain from a club partner which will, in turn, assist the club long term.

One new sponsor I am pleased to announce is that Sheffield Based company, Pinders will feature on our kits for 2022. I would like to Thank David Whiteway and all the team there for their support. Pinders are no strangers to the sports marketing, having supplied Print and Signage to a number of our local sports clubs as well as our Friends at other Rugby League clubs across the Yorkshire region, not to mention a whole of local and national Businesses.

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I would also like to give a final shout out for our upcoming Golf Day. We have a couple of spaces left for teams to enter. It promised to be a great day at Wortley Golf Club with!

Thanks again to Andy and the team at CSP Systems for their support with this event. If you are interest in getting involved, please feel free to drop me a message.

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PERFORMANCE

SIMON VARDY

It's amazing to be writing this programme article up as we expect to welcome fans back into the grounds, albeit social distanced and under specific guidance, but fans back none the less!

I don't think it can be underestimated the psychological impact it has on the players having some home fans there cheering them on, lifting them when they're down and pushing them on when they're doing well. It's a pleasure to welcome you back and I can't wait to see and feel that buzz around the stadium again.

We were really lucky during pre-season, throughout all the lockdowns and various limitations put on us (and the country!) to be able to continue training and have an incredibly flexible facility on hand that suited our needs and were prepared to work with us to get the most out of our training sessions.

That facility, as many of you will already be aware, was BXF.

BXF was able to offer us a completely private facility in a convenient location, with all the equipment and space we needed and the ability to run sessions in a Covid-safe environment that complied with the RFL requirements.

This was amazing for us, allowing us to get in the two to three (depending on the point in pre-season) sessions we needed, the flexibility to do indoor conditioning sessions if needed and put ourselves in the best position to be as fit as possible when we hit the field and when we started the season.

It also gave us the opportunity to link back up with Alex Woods who spent his placement with us whilst studying his masters during the 2019 season, which is always a huge benefit to have extra hands on deck to help out during a session.

Some of our athletes are still training down there in their sessions away from us and we still have the option for the none-playing group on match days to head over there for a fitness session.

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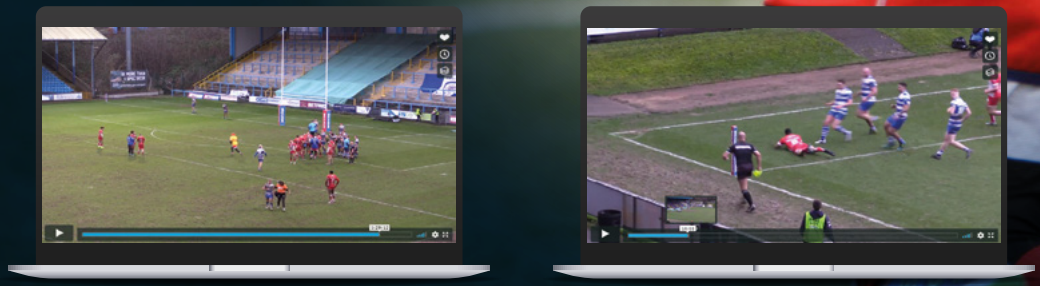

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FOUNDATION

DAVID BUTLER

The Eagles Foundation have appointed Andrea Dobson as Sheffield's new Rugby League Development Officer who started her role on Monday 17th May.

The Development Officer post is being co-funded by the Rugby Football League, Sheffield City Council, Sheffield City Trust and Sheffield Eagles for two years and will aim to capitalise on the once in a generation opportunity of the city's involvement in the Rugby League World Cup later this yeaR.

Andrea has over a decade's experience as a community rugby coach in the city with the Rugby Football Union, where she has recorded a number of achievements, including growing the female game and increasing the number of juniors playing in the city and this experience will be valuable as she turns her attention to the growth of Rugby League in the city.

Despite this experience being in the other code, Andrea's Rugby League knowledge and pedigree is unrivalled; having made her debut for Great Britain at just 16 years of age, she went on to represent Great Britain in her debut year at the 2003 Women's Rugby League World Cup and England at the 2008, 2013 and 2017 events, being named captain for the latter event. Although her international career has come to an end, Andrea is still playing for Featherstone Rovers in the Women's Super League.

"I'm really pleased to be starting this role with the Eagles Foundation" said Andrea. "I'm thrilled to be in a position to make a positive difference to Rugby League in Sheffield, which is my home city, and looking forward to bringing to life the potential that there is for Rugby League in the city. The World Cup coming to Sheffield is a huge opportunity for us to grow Rugby League and everyone I have spoken to is excited about what we can achieve."

Andrea's day to day focus will be to deliver objectives agreed by the funding partners, which focus around growing participation in Rugby League. This will involve working with Sheffield Hawks and Sheffield Forgers to grow their junior sections to get more boys and girls playing the game, working with various partners such as the colleges and universities to introduce social offers of Rugby League such as Touch and X-League and to start a Wheelchair Rugby League team to make playing Rugby League accessible to even more people in the city.

Andrea Dobson can be contacted via andrea.dobson@eaglesfoundation.co.uk or 07960 135 699 and is interested in hearing from people who can offer their help to Rugby League development in Sheffield.

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BAZ GASCOYNE

This has been a long time in coming but we are so glad you are back where you belong; smiling, singing, shouting, and encouraging the Sheffield Eagles boys on once again live.

Welcome back, we've missed you. We are a family and it has not been the same without you all. It is so good that you and other Rugby League fans can once again enter the grounds to watch this fantastic game.

This last year has been tremendously difficult for all of us in many ways: isolation, working from home, home schooling, not seeing family & friends. And for those who have sadly lost loved ones during the pandemic, having to deal with their loss in unusual, difficult, and in some cases lonely ways without the usual support of friends & family.

Sadly, last week my Stepdad died but due to the number restrictions at the tiny chapel was told I wouldn't be able to go to the funeral. This was difficult to hear and upset me as I wanted to be there to support my Brother at his time of loss of his Dad and pay my respects. So rather than just sit at home I'll be playing golf with a few close mates, pausing at 11am to think of my stepdad Tony. I warned them I would probably not talk for a couple of holes. I would pay my respect by giving thanks for his life, his willingness to take me into their family and for being an amazing role model as a real grafter at work whilst I tried to hit that stupid golf ball!

My Golf buddies reply had me in tears. He simply said 'We will be there to support you.' That's all it took to reassure me that even though I'd be over one hundred miles away from my Brother and feeling vulnerable, someone was looking out for me.

A musician friend of mine wrote a song with the words:

'Hold me in, hold me in

It feels like everything is shaking,

hold me in, hold me in,

Draw me to the place where I'm safe again.'

At the end of the song he just kept repeating:

'Friends Hold hands up; yes they do

Friends hold hands up; yes they do

The Rugby Community is an amazing family and I feel privileged to have been part of it for the last ten years. We are here for each other and as we begin our journey again together let's keep being there for one another.

Welcome back it's great to have you back.

Enjoy the game & enjoy the family.

KNOWLES INTERVIEW

DAN FOWLER TALKS TO IZAAC FARRELL

DF: Brad, we are back in action against Featherstone today. How strange was it to not have played last weekend, and having to regroup for this match in the circumstances?

BK: It is a weird one. Nobody saw it coming. A couple of the lads felt unwell so they took the test and it came back positive. A few others had to isolate and everyone has had tests just for their peace of mind. It'll be a weird transition going into next weekend but it may do us good. We've had that time and recovery period away from the club. We have to knock our intensity up in training. Featherstone are a good team and it'll be a tough task.

DF: We take on Featherstone, who are one of the bookies' favourites for promotion this season. How tough a challenge will it be to try and get a positive result out of this one?

BK: They have signed well and are playing well. They are tipped to be one of the top teams. We've got individuals that can be rocks and diamonds. Sometimes we don't hit our full potential for some reason but if we are to get anything out of Sunday, we'll need to be up there. We need to have a good week in training and go into it all guns blazing.

DF: Having spent a good number of years at Rovers, does this game mean a bit more than usual or is that not something that comes into your thought process?

BK: It does and it doesn't. It'll be nice to see some of the old boys I used to play with and some of the coaching staff too. But I've got a job to do and I can enjoy seeing some of the people afterwards.

DF: We've had a mixed bag of results so far this year. What's your assessment on our season so far and where do we need to improve?

BK: We've been up and down haven't we? We have had a couple of good results and a couple of shockers. I take responsibility for one of those, the London draw, and I said after our last game that we need to take accountability for our own actions. If you're not where you need to be and there are areas you need to work on, that's down to you and nobody else. We have had a reflection period and hopefully some players have had a look at themselves as individuals to fix up where they're going wrong.

DF: You've been a fans favourite at the Eagles since joining in 2019. How good will it be to see those fans back in the stadium this afternoon?

BK: It'll be class. It's not been great playing in front of empty stadiums but we've had a job to do and not been able to focus on anything else. Someone chanting, screaming, a bit of applause does give you that bit of motivation that gees you up.

"We have had a couple of good results and a couple of shockers. I take responsibility for one of those, the London draw."

QUICK FIRE QUESTIONS

Main Motivation for Playing Rugby:
Make my family and daughter proud and I love it

Pub or Nightclub:
Working Men's Club - All Day Long

Favourite Holiday:
Tenerife with the boys in 2017

Has lockdown changed you, if so how:
Yes, more positive mindset and happier person

Amateur Club:
Fryston Warriors and Lock Lane ARLFC

Advice to give your younger self:
Don't live life thinking what if I would of done that, live life thinking why did I do that.

Toughest Opponent:
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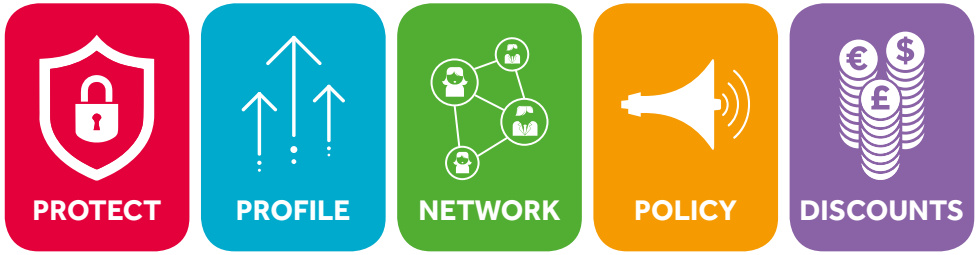

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THE VISITORS
LEWIS COLEMAN

Featherstone Rovers come in today's game looking to remain unbeaten in the Championship after a fine start this season.

Rovers and Toulouse Olympique are the only sides with a perfect record this season, after five matches played.

Featherstone started their season off with two wins in the Challenge Cup, therefore earning a semi-final tie against Widnes in this season's 1895 Cup.

The Flatcappers hammered Bradford Bulls 41-16 in the opening round of the Challenge Cup before beating Batley Bulldogs 30-22 in round two, Featherstone exited the competition a round later against Super League side Hull FC.

James Webster's side beat Batley for a second consecutive week in round one of the Championship and have followed it up impressively with wins over Swinton Lions, Whitehaven, York City Knights and most recently, Oldham.

Rovers took apart the Roughyeds with ease under the Post Office Road Monday night lights, in the first game with spectators allowed inside stadia in over 13 months.

Today's visitors led 40-0 at the break, Dane Chisholm opened the scoring one minute into the contest before Craig Hall and Jack Bussey added early scores.

Bussey and Hall scored again before Brad Day touched down, Thomas Minns's converted try made it a point-a-minute in the opening half.

After the interval, Josh Hardcastle, Tom Holmes and Fa'amanu Brown went over for their four-pointers, which Chisholm turned into six-pointers, further stretching out the Featherstone lead.

Connor Jones and Gareth Gale added try 11 and 12 in the last 10 minutes as Rovers made it five-from-five in the Championship this season.

Featherstone Head Coach James Webster joined the West Yorkshire side after Ryan Carr returned home to Australia after reaching the Million Pound Game with Rovers in 2019.

The Australian has been tasked with gaining promotion to the top flight with Featherstone and has impressed so far in his tenure.

Webster's Featherstone side have not recorded a defeat in the Championship since his appointment, both in the early stages of the cancelled 2020 season and this season.

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THREE TO WATCH
LEWIS COLEMAN

Thomas Minns

Former Hull KR centre Thomas Minns has made a decent start to life in West Yorkshire.

Minns, who joined the club in 2020, will be looking to add to his three tries this afternoon. Part of a talented group of backs at Featherstone, Minns will aim to use his Super League expertise to assist Rovers in their target for promotion.

Fa'amanu Brown

Samoan International, Brown will provide a strong threat to the Sheffield defence today. Brown has NRL experience with Cronulla Sharks and Canterbury Bulldogs and has started well in Featherstone colours. The hooker can also operate in the halves and did so for Rovers in their latest victories over York City Knights and Oldham.

Jack Bussey

Uncompromising forward Jack Bussey is a further danger for Sheffield this afternoon.

Bussey, who started his career at Rovers, moved to London Broncos and Toronto Wolfpack before returning to the Millenium Stadium in 2019.

Aged 28, Bussey has a wealth of Championship experience and his tough running game coupled with a clever rugby brain is the reason why the Sheffield defence will have to be on top form to stop the versatile forward.

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WELCOME BACK!

Everyone at SESA is delighted to be able to join our fantastic fanbase in cheering on the Red and Gold from back at the stadium. It's obviously early days, but as we all get used to the situation, we are hoping for SESA to have more of a presence at the games. In the meantime if you see any of us around the ground say hello (socially distanced of course!).

Remember, SESA is here to represent you, so feel free to get in touch.

Steve, Richard & Liz
SESA Committee

SESA MAN OF THE MATCH

Remember that at every game (home or away) SESA hold an online vote for Man of the Match. You don't need to be a member of SESA to vote but we hope you sign up. Voting opens 20 minutes into the second half and closes half an hour after the end of the game: To vote and for details of previous winners go to:

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01. Josh Guzdek			
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03. Connor Bower			
04. James Glover			
05. Ryan Millar			
06. Anthony Thackeray			
08. Scott Wheeldon			
09. James Davey			
10. Matt James			
11. Bradley Knowles			
12. Joel Farrell			
13. Aaron Brown			
14. Greg Burns			
15. Oliver Davies			
16. Robbie Ward			
17. Frankie Mariano			
18. Tyler Dickinson			
19. Blake Broadbent			
20. Paddy Burns			
21. Rory Dixon			
22. Izaac Farrell			
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LAST TIME OUT
EAGLES VS BULLDOGS

FRIDAY 07 MAY 2021
BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP - R5

SHEFFIELD EAGLES	18 - 30	BATLEY BULLDOGS
01. Josh Guzdek		01.Luke Hooley
02. Rob Worrincy		05. Johnny Campbell
24. Ryan Johnson		22. Dale Morton
04. James Glover		23. Jack Logan
05. Ryan Millar		21. Jodie Buchanan
22. Izaac Farrell		06. Ben White
07. Anthony Thackeray		07. Tom Gilmore
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MATCH REPORT
EAGLES VS BULLDOGS

Sheffield Eagles were dealt a further blow in the Championship on Friday night, losing out 18-30 to Batley Bulldogs at the Keepmoat Stadium.

After a draw against London Broncos, Mark Aston made just one change to the Eagles squad, as Jordan Bull replaced Paddy Burns on the Sheffield interchange bench.

The Eagles let an 18-10 lead slip, as Batley scored four second-half tries in 17 minutes, to record a second loss of the season. The visitors were the first to score on the night and had a narrow lead at the break thanks to tries from Luke Hooley and Tom Gilmour.

The hosts struggled to cope with early pressure from Batley and went behind when Hooley was on hand to touchdown from a Kieran Buchanan offload, Gilmour missed his first effort from the tee.

The Eagles made a good response and led for a short few moments after Rob Worrincy received a Greg Burns' pass before he burrowed over from close range to score his 199th career try. Izaac Farrell notched the extra two to give Sheffield the lead.

Batley regained their lead three minutes after Worrincy's score, half-back Tom Gilmour raced away to score following a loose pass to ground from Anthony Thackeray. Gilmour converted his own score to give Batley a four-point half-time lead.

Before the first forty was up, Sheffield came close to regaining the lead after good work from James Glover, who put Ryan Millar away down the Eagles' left edge but the usual ever-reliable support play from Thackeray only resulted in a knock-on.

Two minutes after the half-time break Worrincy converted score made it two for the night and a career 200 tries for the 35-year-old. The Eagles worked the ball right through Farrell, Brown and finally Thackeray whose long pass was collected by Worrincy before he shimmed past the Bulldogs defence to slide over in the corner.

Sheffield's lead was extended before the hour mark when Jordan Bull scored on his Eagles debut. The former Eagles scholar and Castleford Tigers youth prospect touched down a cute grubber kick from Izaac Farrell, whose conversion made it 18-10 to the hosts.

Batley hit back on 62 minutes through Hooley's second of the evening, the full-back was in support of a Gilmour line-break and slid over to cut the Sheffield advantage, Gilmour, this time was successful from the boot.

Craig Lingard's side made good use of the change of momentum and hit the front when Dane Manning crashed over to score. Johnny Campbell added a score in the corner before Elliot Hall finished off a slick Bulldogs move in the 80th minute to confirm victory for the high-flying Batley side.

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